

Schedule of Events for 47th Annual Gathering of the Texas Jewish Historical Society

April 24–26, 2026, Houston, Texas

Friday, April 24, 2026

3:00 – 4:30 PM *Welcome Table & Registration, Hampton Inn by Hilton Galleria, 4500 Post Oak Pkwy, Houston, TX 77027*

5:15 PM – *Carpool from Hampton Inn to Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism (HCRJ), 801 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057*

5:45 – 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner at HCRJ

7:15 PM – Shabbat Services followed by Oneg

8:45 PM – *Carpool returns to Hampton Inn*

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Morning Program

*All Aboard! Meet no later than 8:50 AM in Hampton Inn lobby to board Charter Bus to Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH), 5401 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004. **Bus departs hotel promptly at 8:55 AM***

9:20–9:30 AM – *Enter HMH through security metal detectors and proceed quietly to assigned meeting room*

9:45–10:00 AM – Welcome Remarks

10:00–10:40 AM – “Houston Jewish History as Lived Experience: Women of Houston”. Melissa Cohen-Nickels, Curator, Joan and Stanford Alexander South Texas Jewish Archives, Rice University

10:45–11:15 AM – “Educating Houston: Teaching and Researching Jewish Studies at University of Houston (UH)”. Dr. Caryn Tamber-Resenau and Miranda Ruzinsky

11:20–11:45 AM – “A House with a Jewish Soul: Memory, Love, and Legacy in Galveston”. Marilyn Flick and Shelley Kessler

11:45 AM–12:30 PM – *Box Lunch in Meeting Room*

Afternoon Program: Options – Select (i) or (ii)

(i) 12:30 – 2:00 PM – Tour of HMH with Docents Hy Penn, Lynn Gordon, and Janet Pozmantier

(ii) 1:00 – 2:00 PM – “Guest Speaker”, Meeting Room

2:00 – 2:25 PM – *Break time and find seating in HMH Auditorium prior to 2:30 PM*

2:30 – 3:00 PM – “Texas Jewish Stories: Family Histories on the Journey to Texas”. Melanie Weinberger and Students from The Emery/Weiner School

3:05 PM – 4:30 PM – “Grit and Grace: How Jewish Women Built a Better Texas.” Screening of film in HMH Auditorium, followed by Q&A with filmmaker, Barbara Rosenthal

4:45 PM – *All Aboard! Charter Bus departs from HMH to return to Hampton Inn*

Evening Program

6:15 PM – *All Aboard. Charter Bus departs Hampton Inn for HCRJ, 801 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057*

6:30–6:45 PM – *Take seats for dinner*

6:45–7:45 PM – Welcome and Blessings, followed by buffet dinner from Ken & Ziggy’s

7:45–8:15 PM – Enjoy dessert during presentation by Ziggy Gruber

8:15–9:00 PM – TJHS Award Presentations and Closing

9:00 PM – *All Aboard! Charter Bus departs HCRJ and returns to Hampton Inn*

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Annual Gathering Meeting in Hampton Inn Meeting Room. Installation of Officers and Board of Trustees. State of the Society Address.

11:00 AM – Meeting Adjourned